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SOLUTION: Filtration is caused through a membrane surface by making the suction pressure of a suction pump 29 act on a permeated water channel of a membrane separation apparatus. When membrane permeated water flowing into the permeated water channel after permeating a membrane surface is discharged through a permeated water discharging pipe 28, a specific flow quantity of aerated air which is set according to the quantity of a discharged water flow rate of the membrane permeated water is ejected through an aeration device 21, and a membrane surface of the upw 22 is washed.

